

RAILROADS ARE REACHING AGREEMENT WITH WORKERS

Various Roads Making Up the New York Central System Have Come to an Understanding With Trainmen and Conductors—Other Roads Are Expected to Settle Differences Next Week—Disposition Appears to be for Each Local Union to Transact Its Own Negotiations, Without Taking Their Troubles to National Bodies.

New York, Sept. 15.—(By the A. P.)—The beginning of the end of all the labor troubles that have beset the transportation lines of the nation for the past several years was believed by many railway heads and union chiefs to have come today when the New York Central lines made peaceful settlement with two of the operating brotherhoods and the

through reliable sources. This is believed to be in line with Mr. Jewell's policy and constant plea for a peaceful settlement of the railroad strikes.

Letters to the Union Pacific, Northern and eastern, Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas officials for a consideration of the employees' demands

Pennsylvania system began negotiations toward a similar end. Arrangements for like conferences here next week between brotherhood leaders and other big eastern carriers were under way tonight.

By today's agreement the various roads making up the New York Central system agreed to continue for one year—beginning September 30—the present wage scale and working rules for their employees. The agreement is to withdraw from the United States labor board their request, made more than a year ago, for a downward revision of wages and the elimination of time and a half pay for overtime work.

The New York Central gave out a statement indicating it would call a conference the leaders of the engineers and firemen in the hope of amicably coming to terms with them. Tomorrow that system will bring together the

management plan will be sent within a short time, it was said at union headquarters.

STRIKE OF R. & O. SHOP
CRAFTS HAS BEEN SETTLED

Baltimore, Sept. 15.—A peace pact generally known as the Baltimore pact was signed here this evening by Charles A. Galloway, vice president of the Baltimore & O. railroad, and representatives of the striking shopmen employed on the R. & O.

Practically all of the striking R. & O. shopmen are expected to be back to work within ten days.

PENN. SYSTEM HAS NEW CONTRACT WITH TRAINMEN

New York Sept. 15 (By the A. P.)—The entire Pennsylvania system today signed a new working contract with

W. G. Lee, president of the Broth-

erhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced here tonight that at a conference in Pittsburgh today the formal vote was taken to continue its present wages to all four brotherhoods, but a later dispatch from Pittsburgh said this announcement was regarded there as a "silly move" because the railroad trainmen and conductors would continue tomorrow while those with the engineers and firemen had not yet begun. Brotherhood leaders assembled here today to discuss the "new deal" the Pennsylvania Railroad is offering the Pennsylvania W. G. Lee, head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The contract covers a year and a half.

In making this announcement, Lee, who said he had been in the game longer than any of the other transportation labor chiefs, hailed the agreement as the "best deal" he had seen up of all the transportation problems that have been troubling the country.

Mr. Lee announced that the general committee of the men's and conductors' organizations, on the other hand,

Meanwhile, negotiations to assure continuity between the conductors and trainmen and the other big roads of the east and west are to be carried on here and in Chicago. Mr. Lee, who headed today's session, said that the management's clean-up of all the troubles that have afflicted the country's rail transportation, said parties between the leaders of the eastern and western roads and other eastern roads would be held here next week, and that on Tuesday he and L. E. Sheppard, head of the Order of Railway Conductors, expected to begin conference with the western group of railway executives in Chicago.

Their conference at Chicago last June was "a forward-looking statement of the future," broken off when the shopmen decided to strike.

Those in close touch with the situation at the conference today are forecasting the complete smash-up of the war-born system of settling railroad labor troubles on a national scale. "The only method of settling each road arrange its own affairs with its own men. Some observers feel that this is the only way to settle the problem," but they expect the union to put into effect all over the country in individual efforts to settle the shopmen's strike, and that the newer logic of both employers and employees will

thirty-one in Pittsburgh and one in New York," representative of the "thirds of the tonnage" represented by the river, Mr. Lee declared today's strike marked "the beginning of a new era in the settlement of labor conflicts and back to the conference table where we belong."

Mr. Lee told President Harding that he said, "and in settling matters are taking this business out of the hands of the lawyers and politicians," and that "it is a record. It has been in this business for years and we know how to handle it."

Pittsburgh, Sept. 15 (By The A. P.)—Representatives of the management and the men's decision makers tonight that the conference here, spokesmen for the trainmen and company officials agreed that there will be another meeting tomorrow, announcement of a general settlement of the long-running dispute between the trainmen's brotherhood, was regarded as premature.

ing conditions. The American consuls in New York, New Orleans and Pennsylvania lines are to be immediately withdrawn.

July 1, 1929, the pay of the operating crew was increased \$1.04 a day. One year later the labor board took away approximately 80 cents of this increase. The crew then petitioned and asked that the remaining 24 cents be cut from the pay of the running craftsmen and the stokers and half of the same be eliminated. This petition with others is now withdrawn.

Tonight, Mr. Lee and Mr. Sheppard, American consuls in Cleveland, after sending to Chicago a request that the

TEN AMERICANS, THREE BRITONS ON THE SMERNA MISSING L

Constantinople, Sept. 15.—(By T. P.)—The departure of British craft from Smyrna today is thought here to be removed the last waste of hope for the lives of the ten Americans and three Britishers still the missing list.

GREEK CIVIL AUTHORITIES OVERTHROWN AT ADRIANOPLE

London, Sept. 15.—It is reported from Constantinople that a sedition movement has been organized here.

C. B. & O. DEALS WITH PRESENT SHOP CRAFT EMPLOYEES

Chicago, Sept. 15 (By the A. P.)—A mutual agreement embracing a new schedule of rates of pay and working rules has been reached between direct representatives of the present shop craft employees and officials of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

Holden, president, announced tonight. The so-called Willard plan of settlement is thus disposed of, a statement by Mr. Holden said.

The contract with the representatives of the present mechanical craftsmen, according to the statement by Mr. Holden, provides a gradual increase in pay for skill, but no territorial differentials, involving in some instances over the former scale.

Any consideration of the so-called Willard plan was dropped.

side unions is finally disposed of by the recognition of and contract with direct representatives of the present shop employees of the Burlington." The statement concluded.

In contrast to the action of the Burlington striking shopmen of the Chicago and Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul roads, 27 men and women have returned to work at the Chicago plant.

On the respective systems. It was indicated by officials of these roads that their complete forces would be at work by the time the strike was over.

Union leaders today held a number of conferences, but refused to disclose their nature.

Some men who are guilty of overt acts committed during the strike will not be shielded by the unions in their efforts to reach agreements with the railroad companies.

The railroad, it became known here,